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Mail Stop Amendment

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Examiner : Not Yet Known

For : IMAGE HEATING DEVICE

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Transmitted herewith is a Preliminary Amendment in the above-captioned application.

___ Small Entity Status of this application under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a previously filed statement.

___ A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.

X An Information Disclosure Statement, PTO Form 1449, and references cited.

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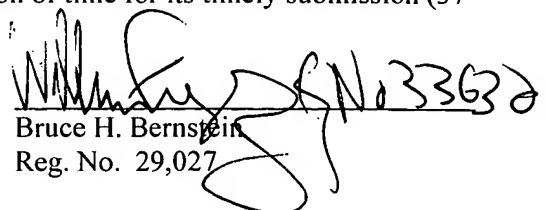
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Prior to the examination of the above-identified patent application, the Examiner
is respectfully requested to amend the specification as follows:

Amendments to the specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 3 of this paper.